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The influence of partial occlusion on shape recognition

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Background

"…information is concentrated along contours at those points on a contour at which its direction changes most rapidly…"

"Common objects may be represented with great economy, and fairly striking fidelity, by copying the points at which their contours change direction maximally, and then connecting these points appropriately with a straightedge."

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Attneave, F. (1954). Some informational aspects of visual perception. *Psychological review*, *61*(3), 183–193.

Previous work

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

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Shape recognition: convexities, concavities and things in between

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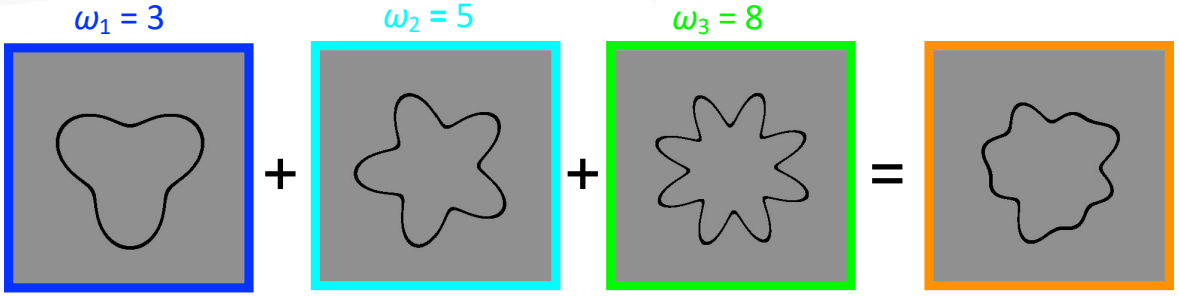
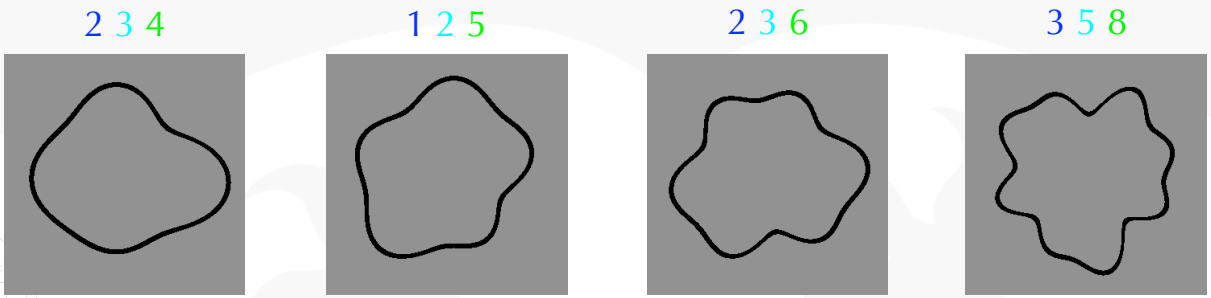
Stimuli

compound radial frequency patterns



$$RF_{compound} = r_{mean}(1 + A_1 \sin(\omega_1 \theta + \varphi_1) + A_2 \sin(\omega_2 \theta + \varphi_2) + A_3 \sin(\omega_3 \theta + \varphi_3))$$

- r_{mean}: mean radius of underlying circle (=100 Pixel)
- A: modulation amplitude (=0.1)
- ω_1: radial frequency
- θ: polar angle
- φ_1: phase / orientation (random)



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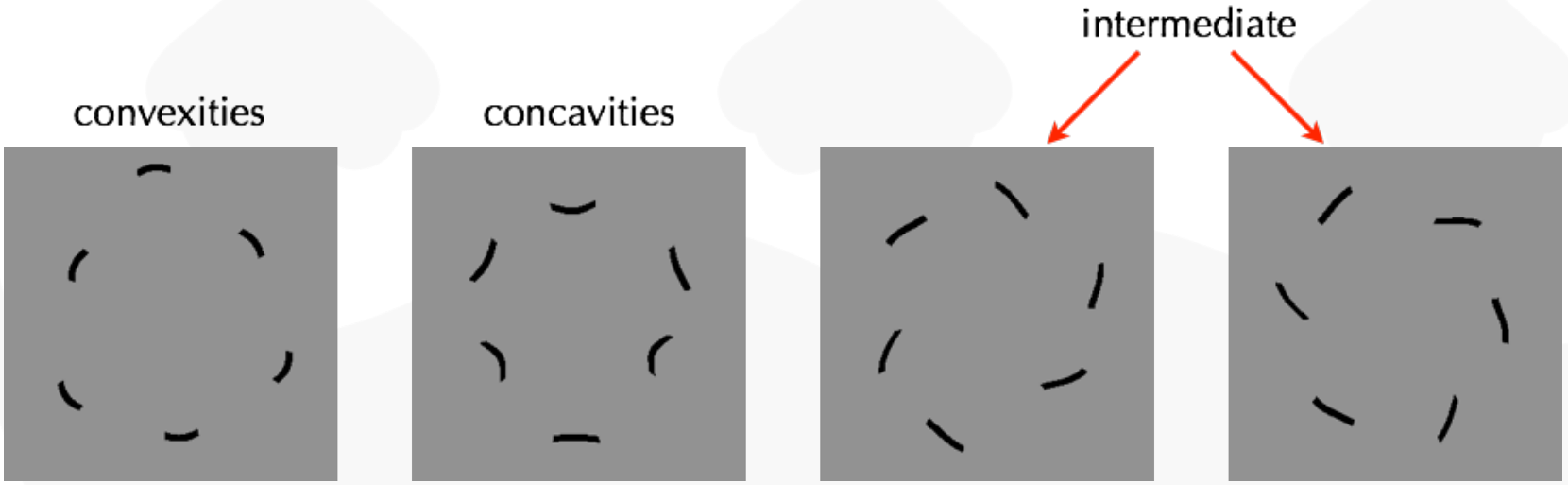

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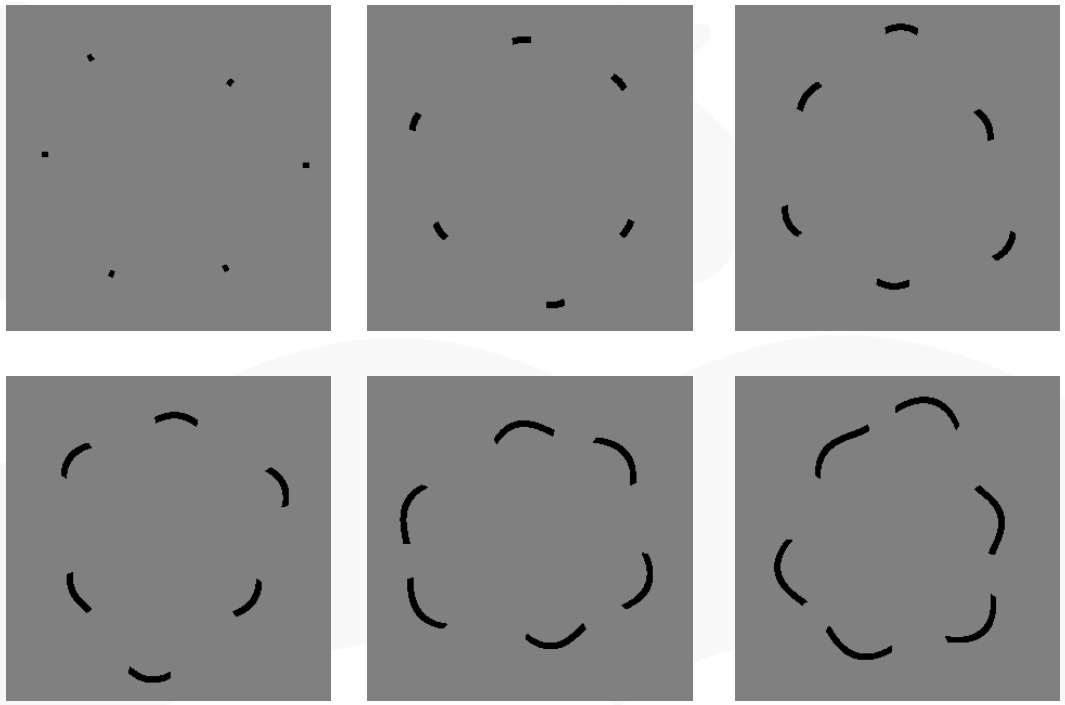

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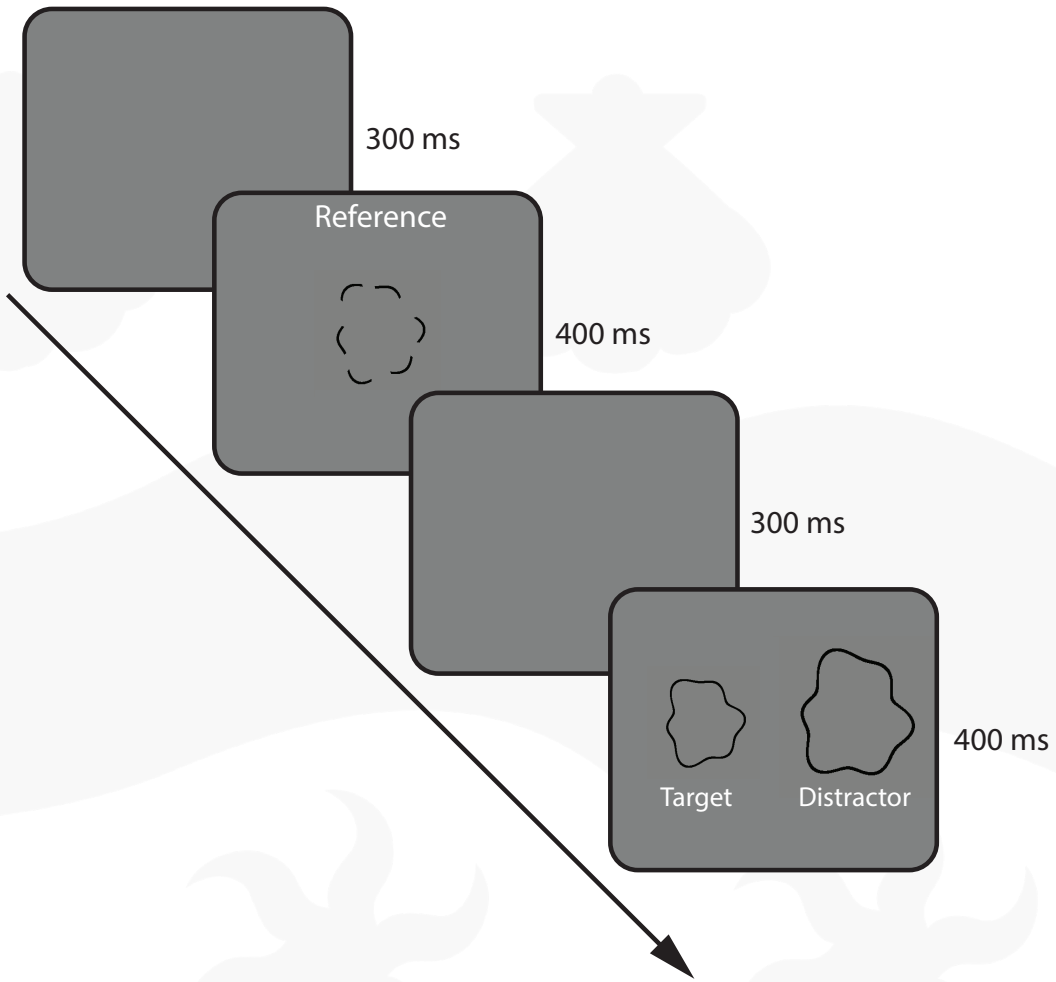

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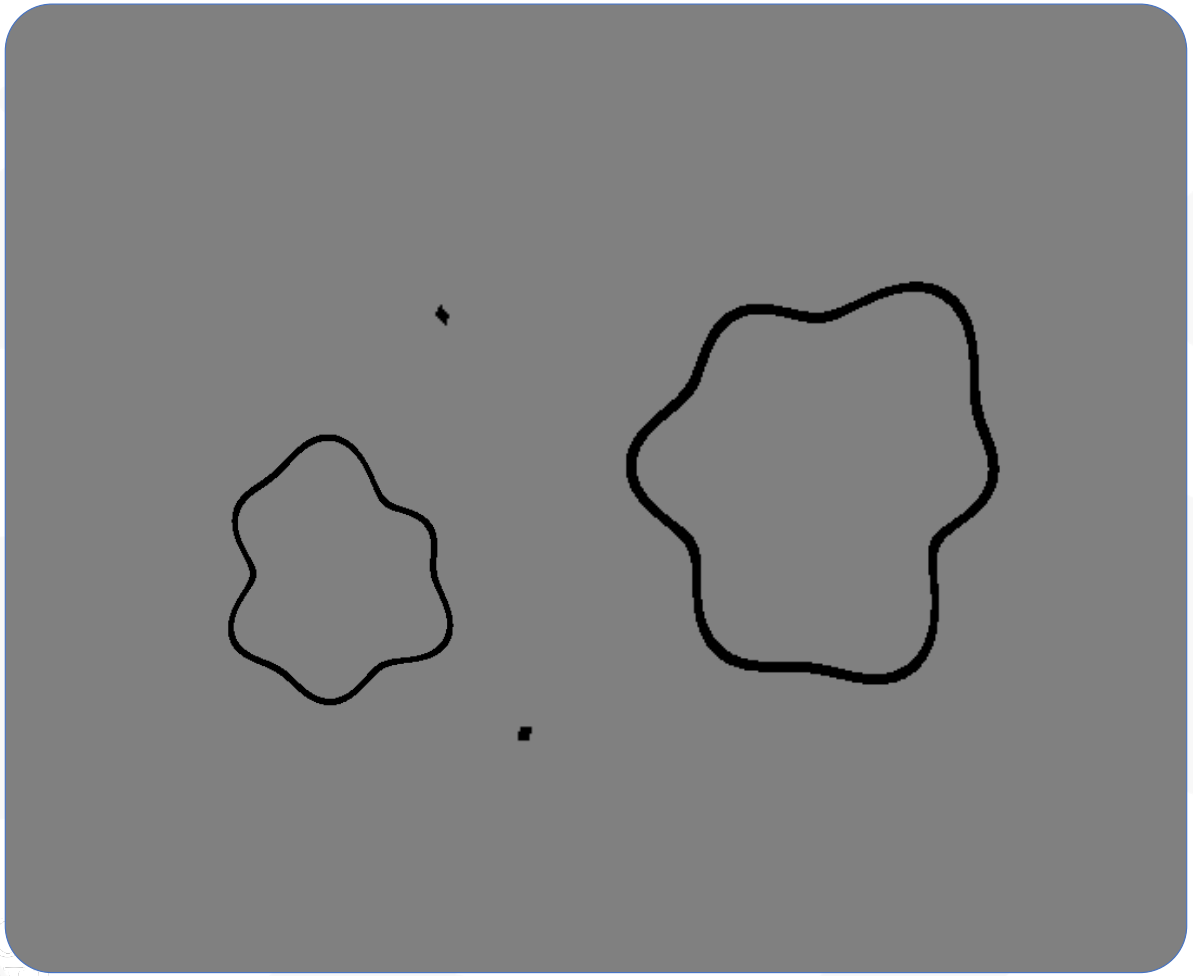

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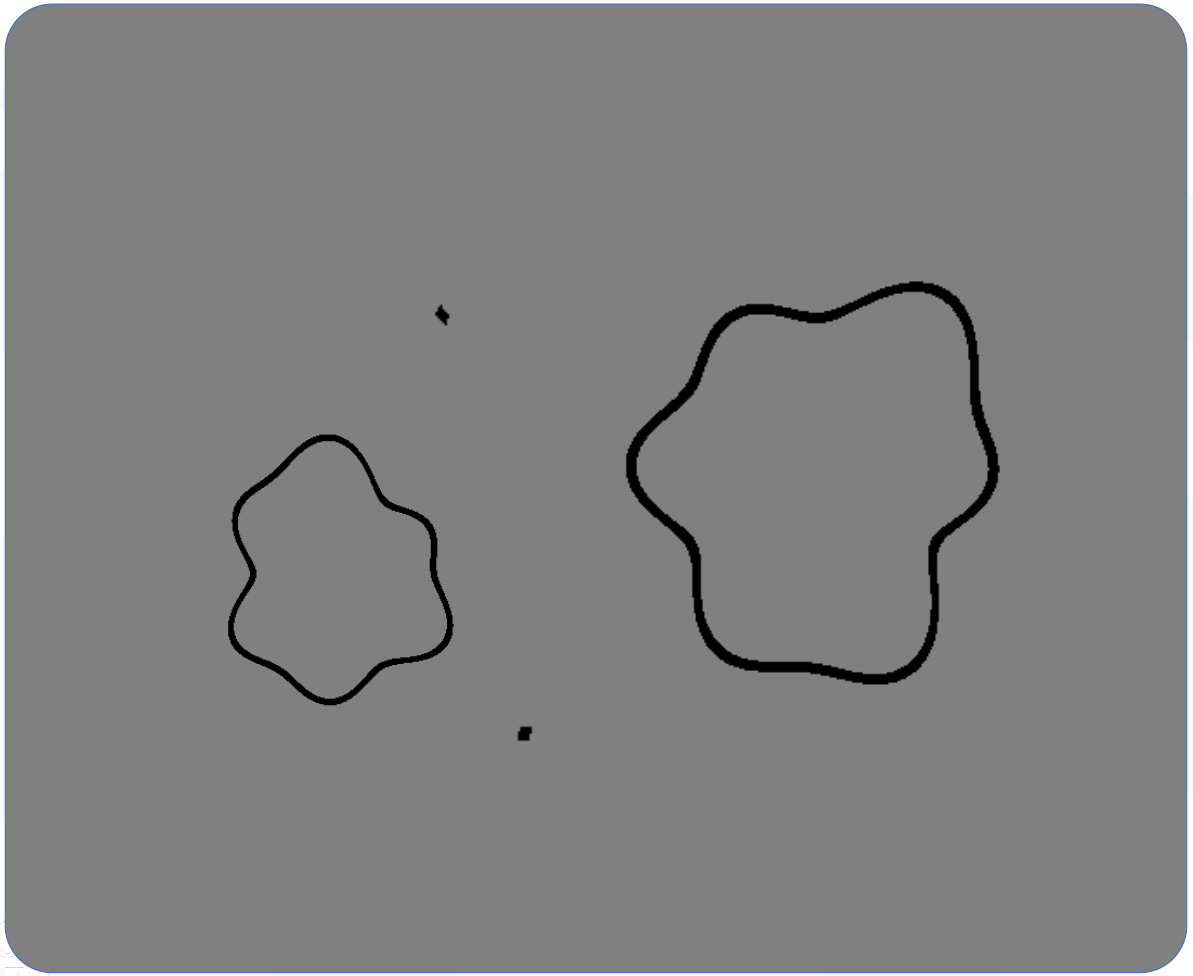

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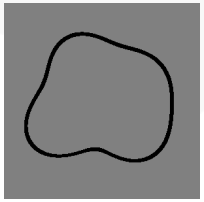
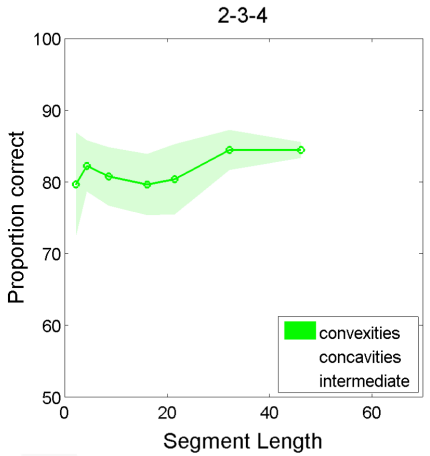
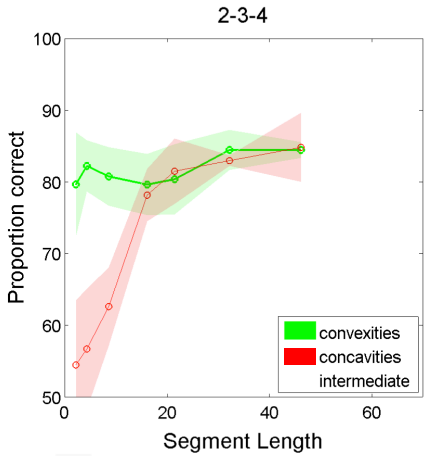


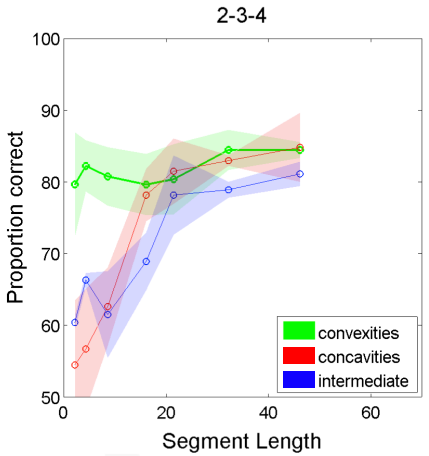
convexities

concavities

intermediate







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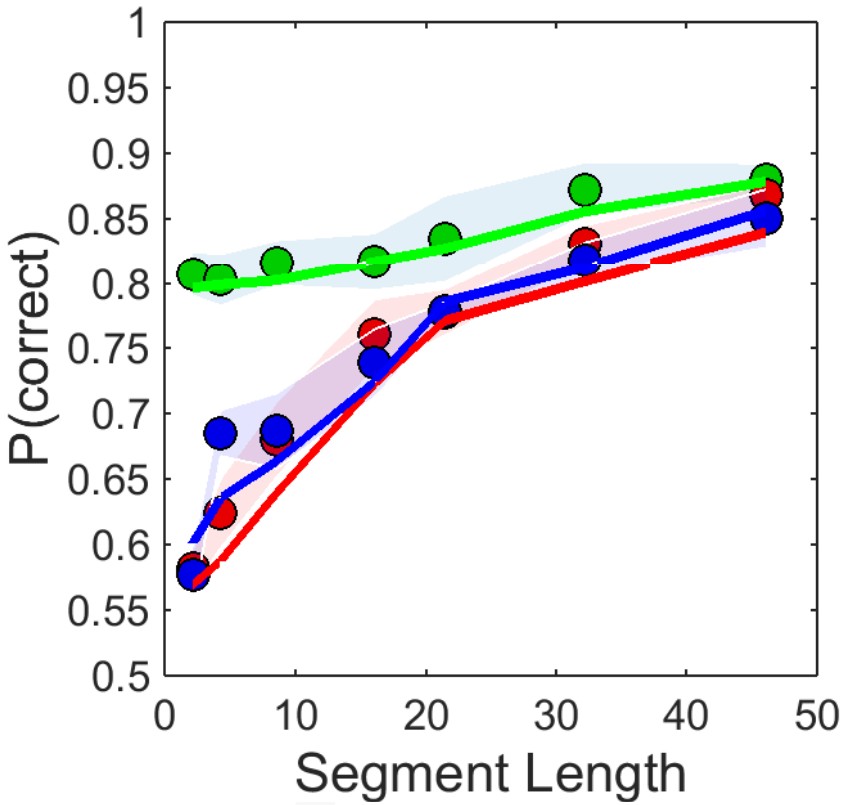
Model Results



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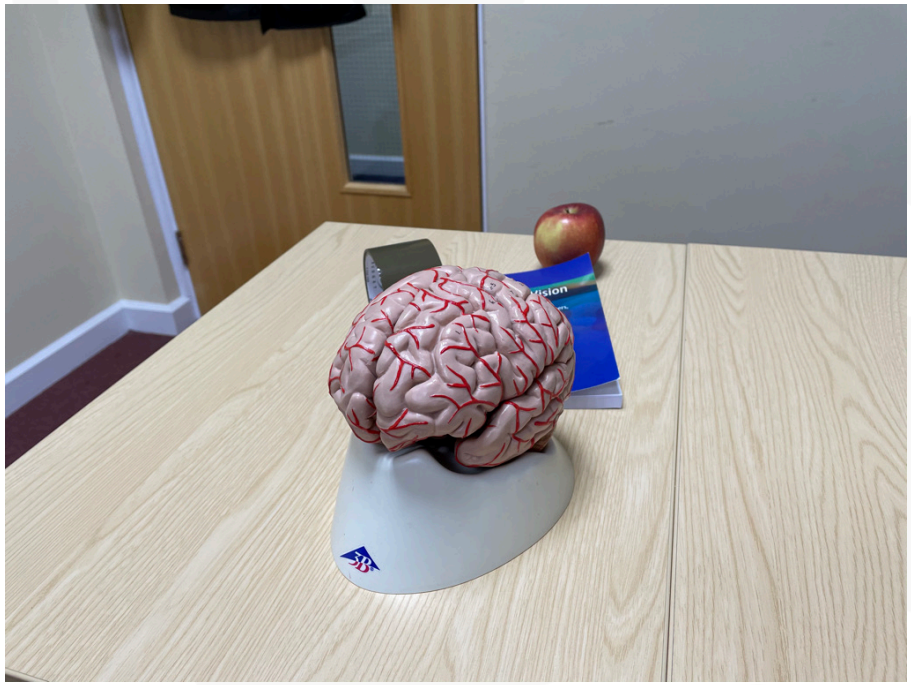
New Experiment - Partial Occlusion



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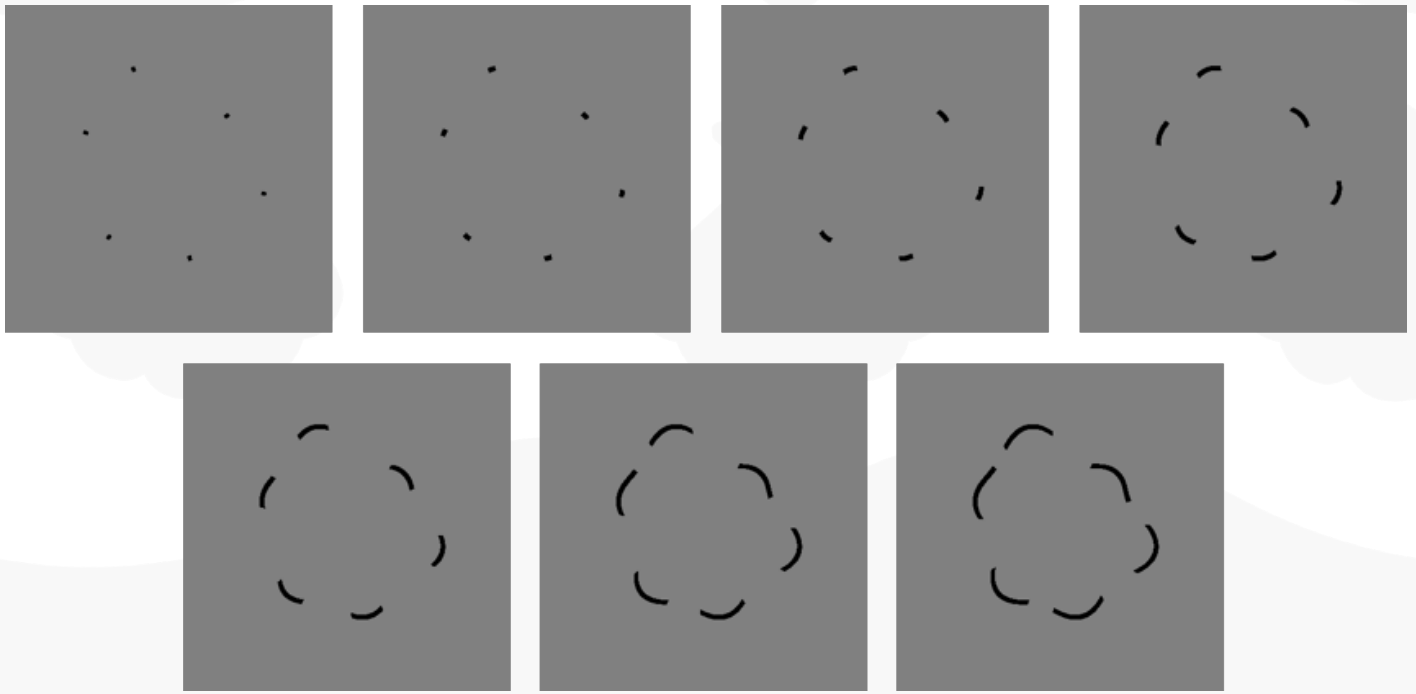
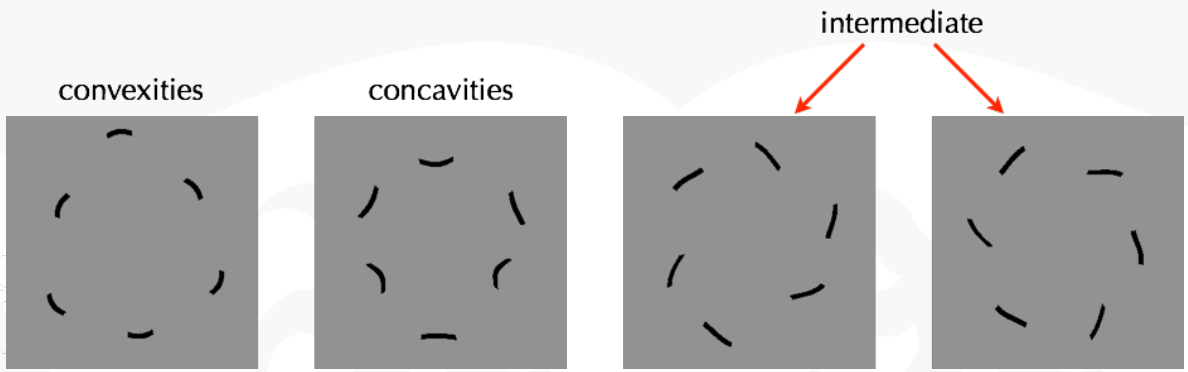
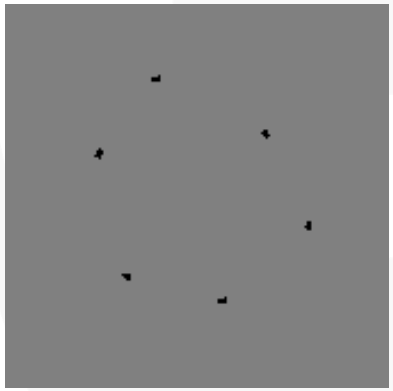


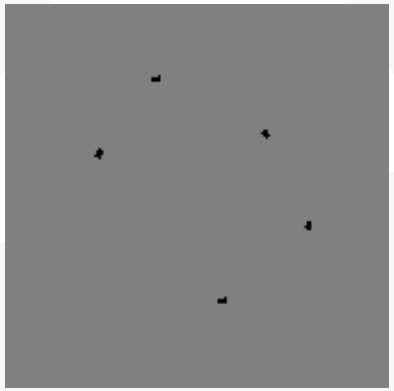


Partial Occlusion

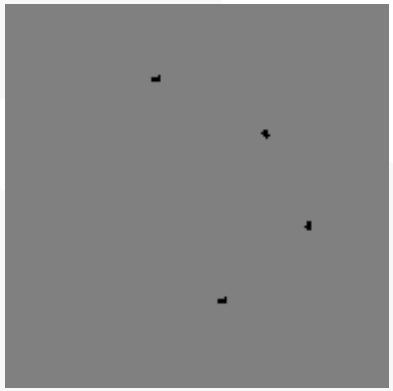
No occlusion



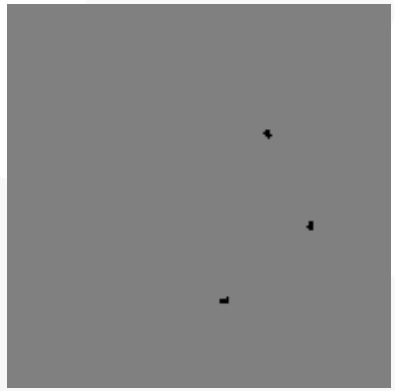
16.7% occlusion



33% occlusion

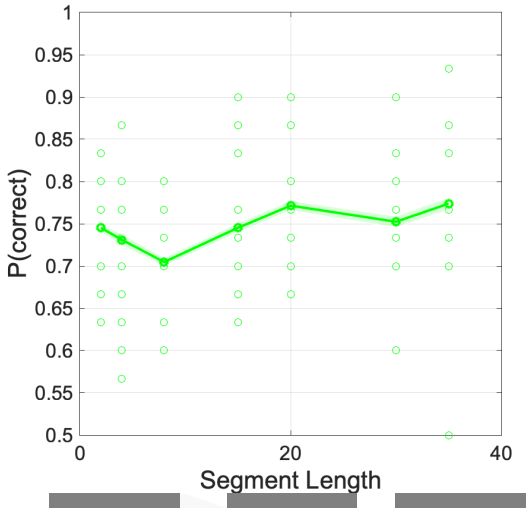


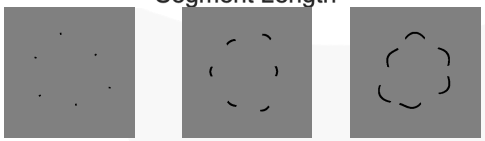
50% occlusion



Results – no occlusion

convexities





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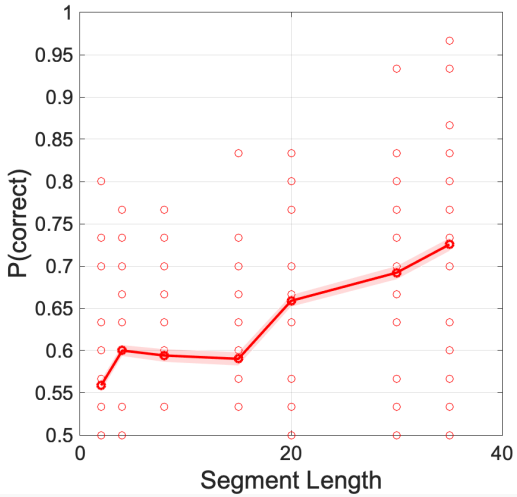

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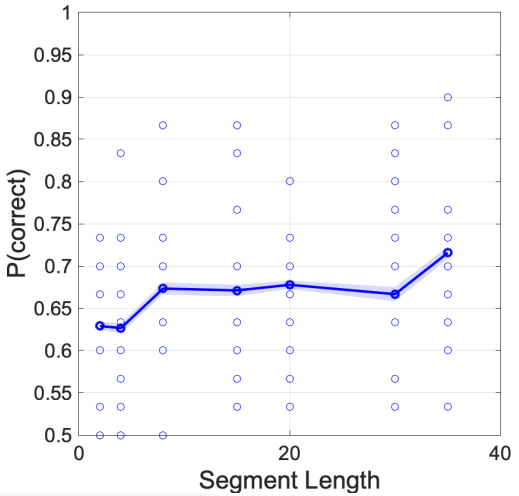

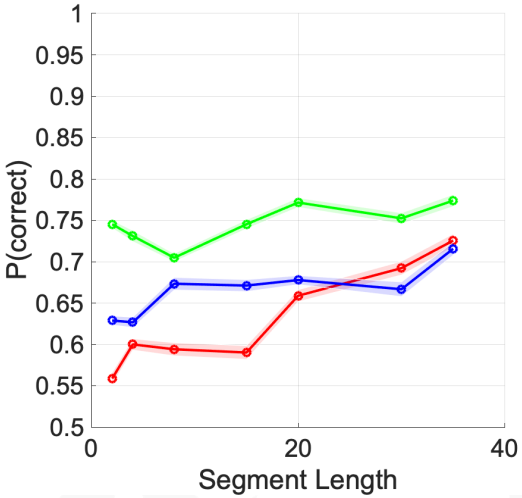

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Results – 16.7% occlusion

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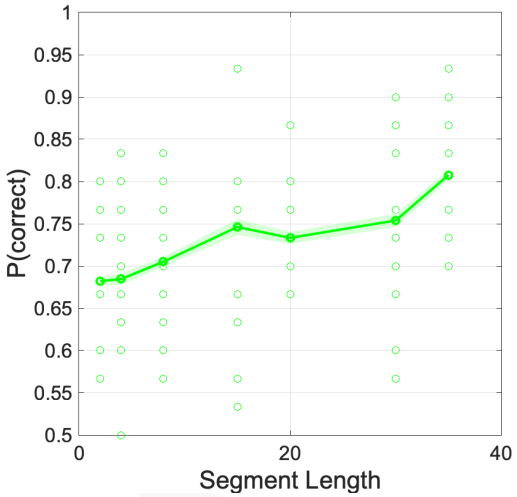

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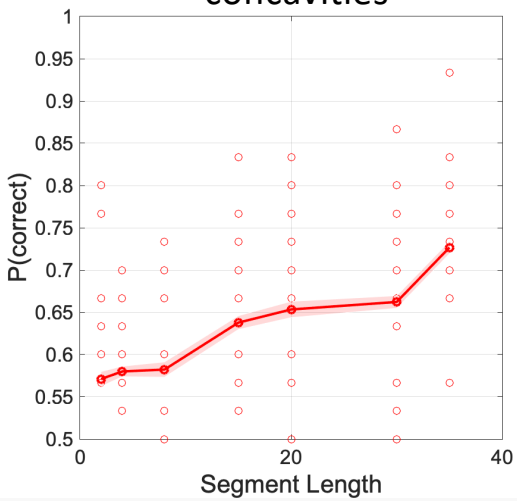

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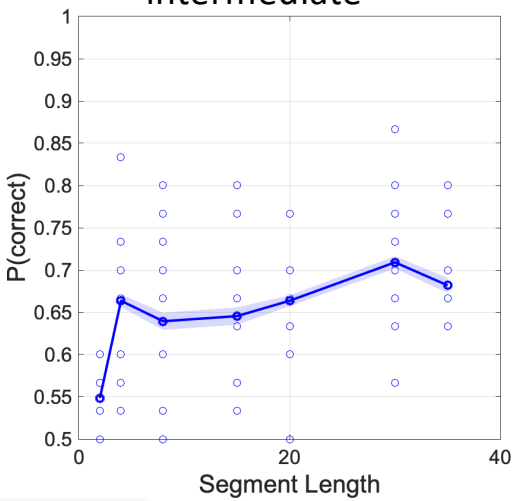

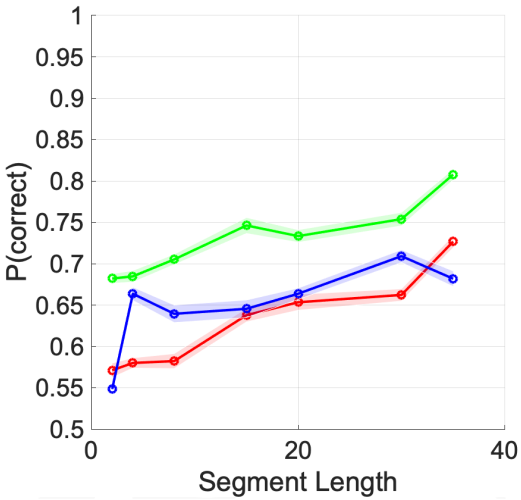

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Results – 33% occlusion

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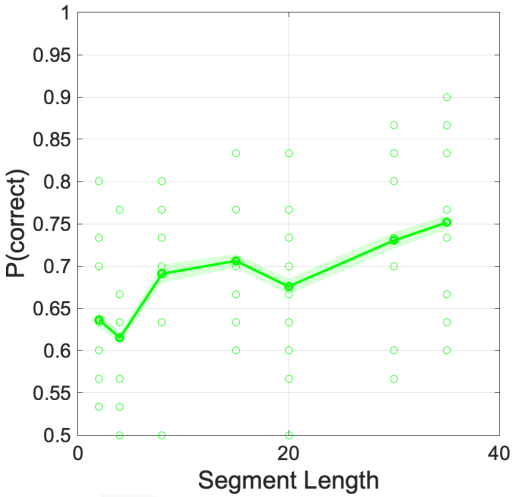

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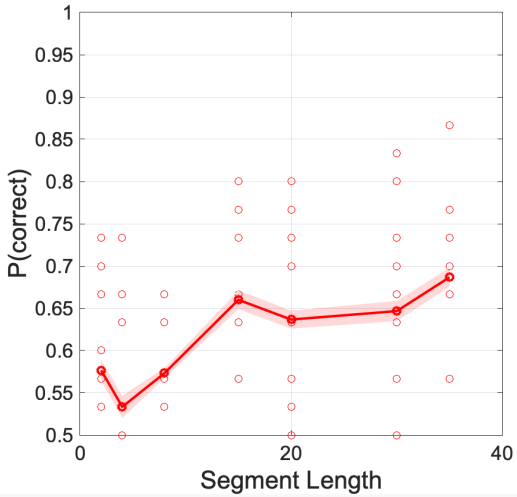

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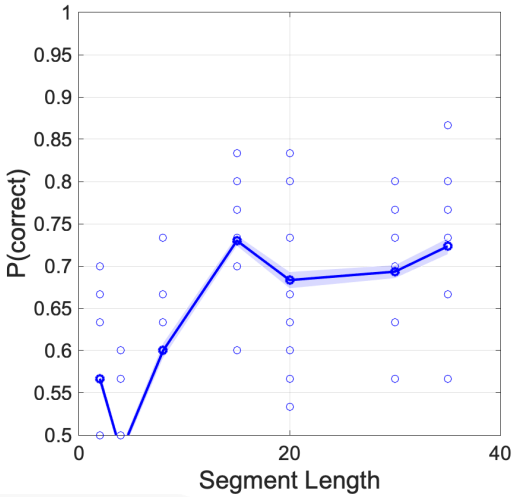

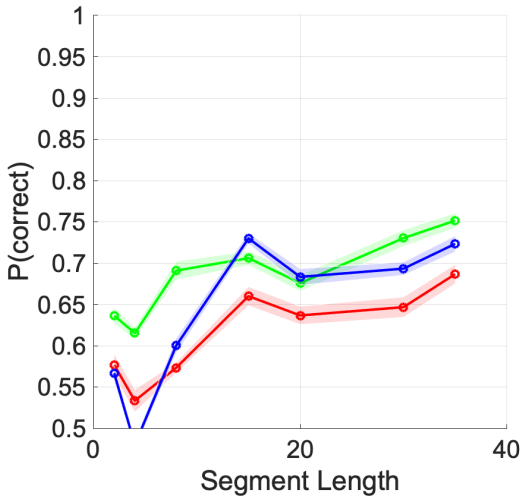

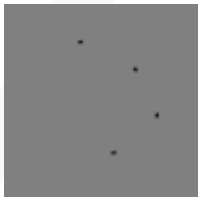

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Results – 50% occlusion

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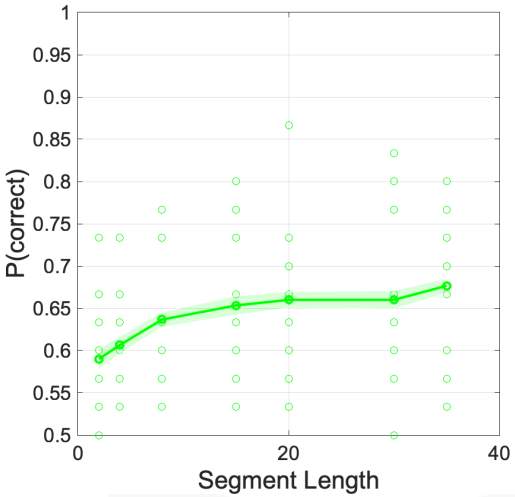

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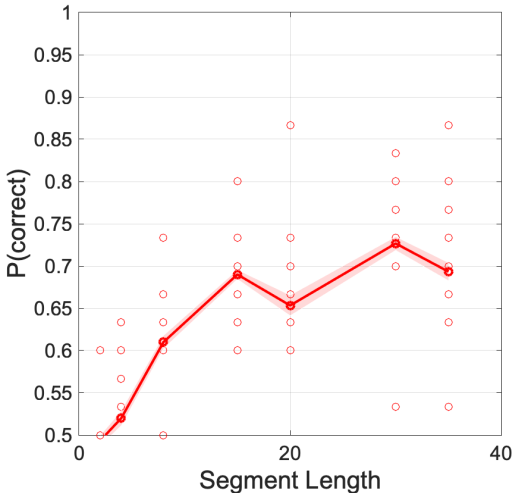

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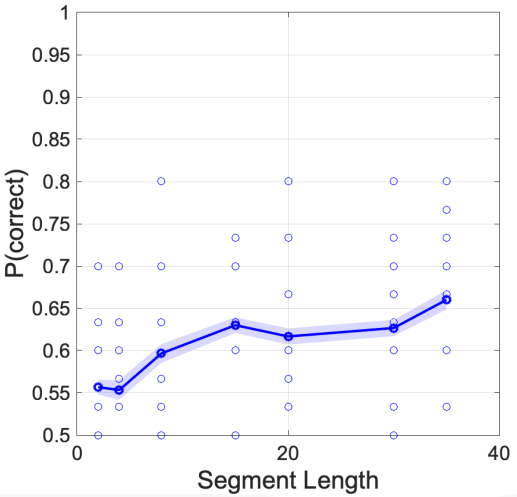

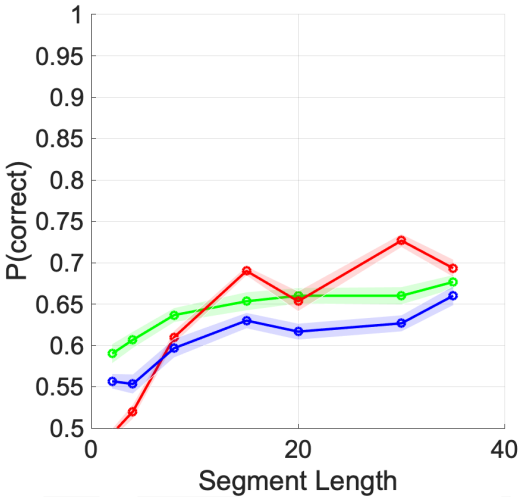

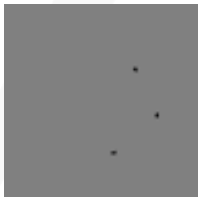

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Results – combined

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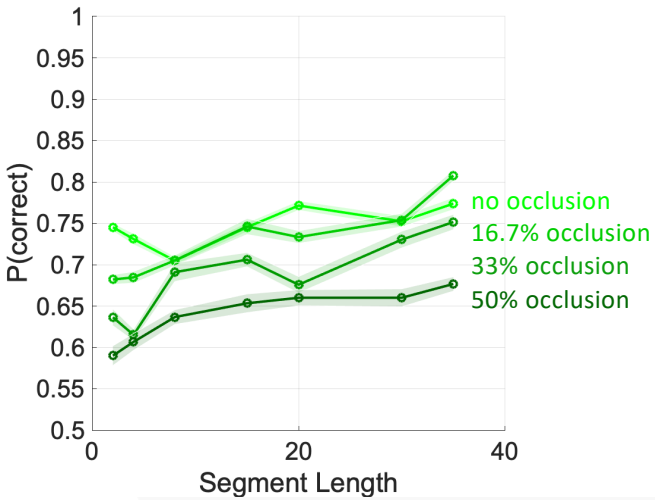

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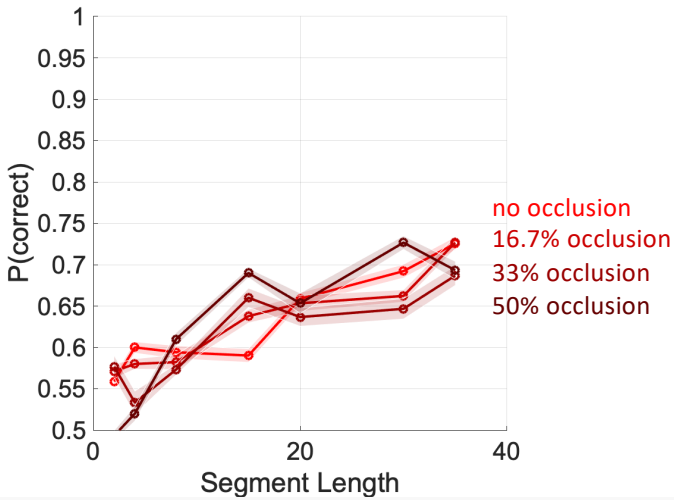

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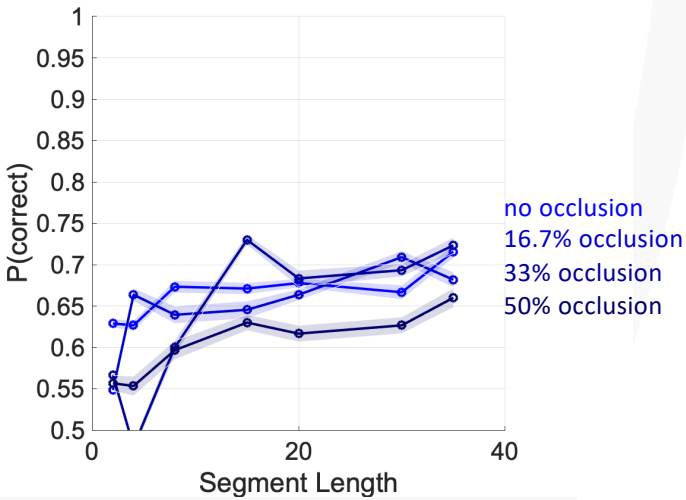

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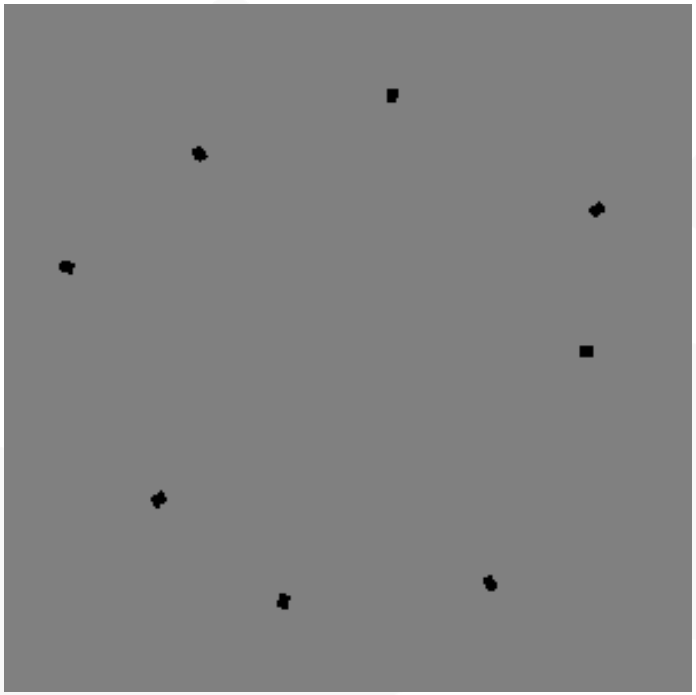
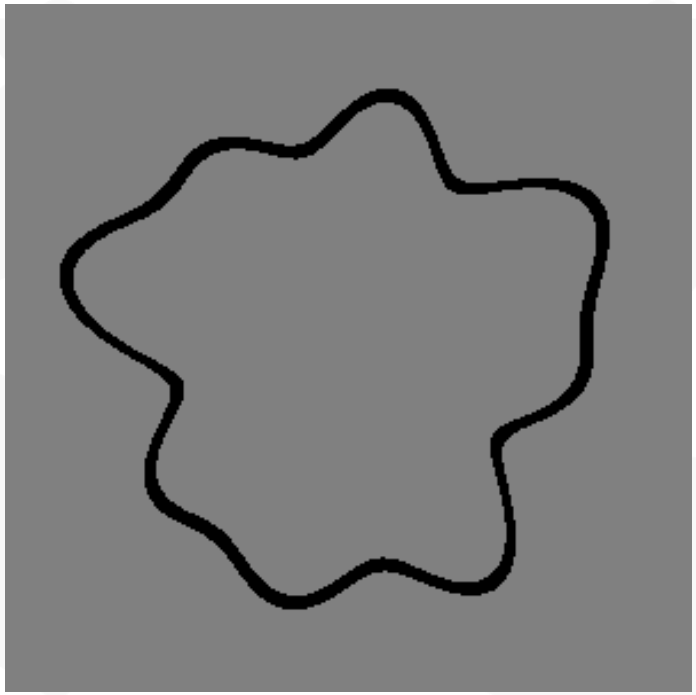
Model – Schmidtmann et al. (2015)





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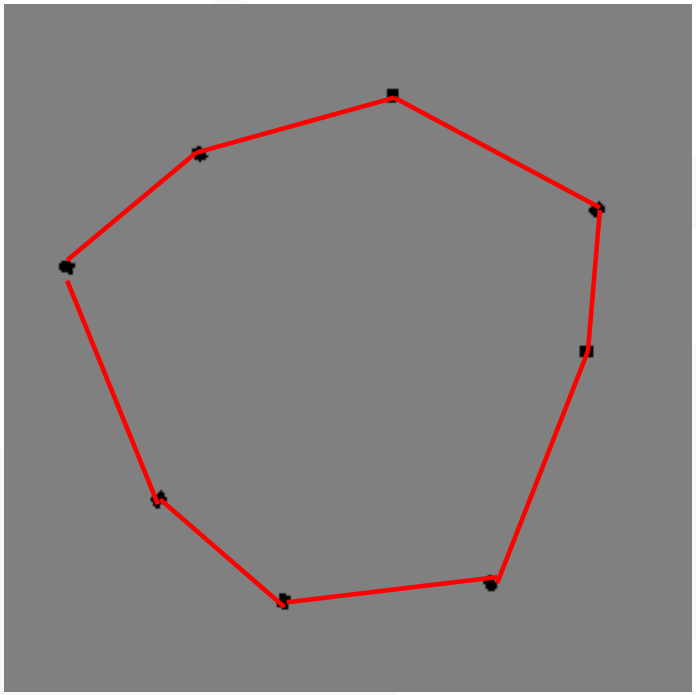

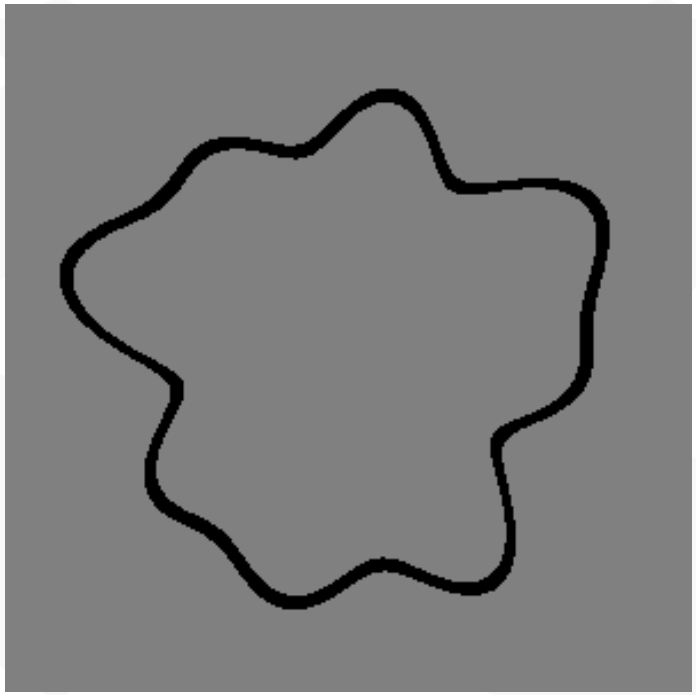

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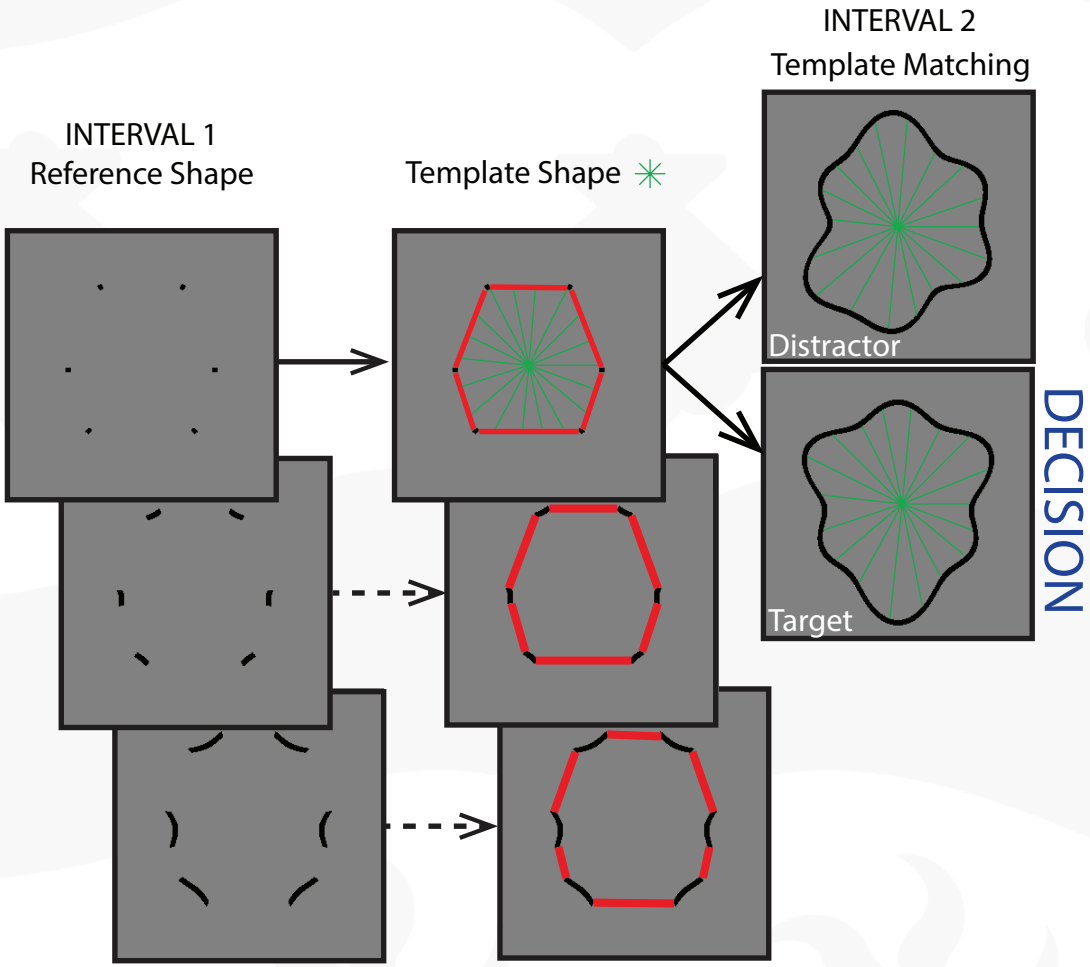

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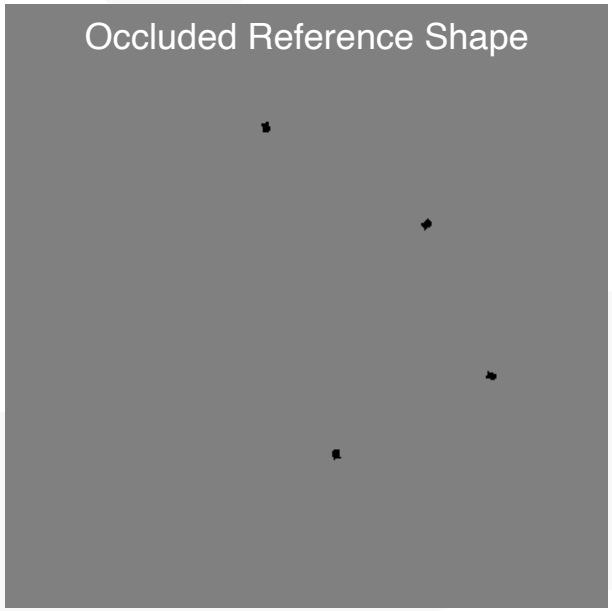

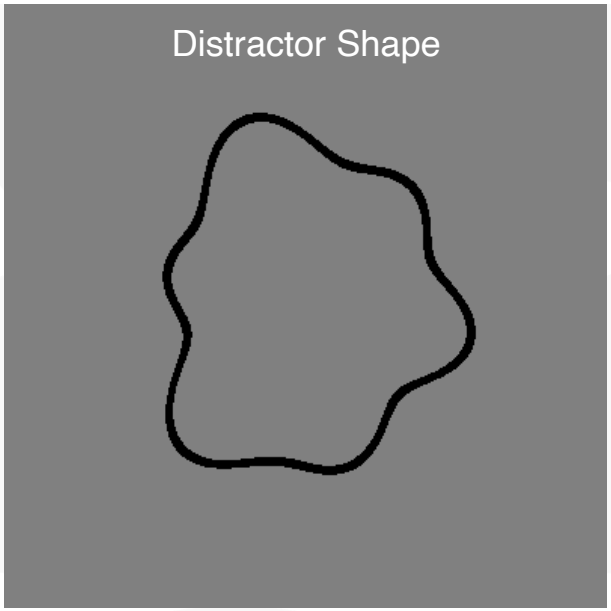

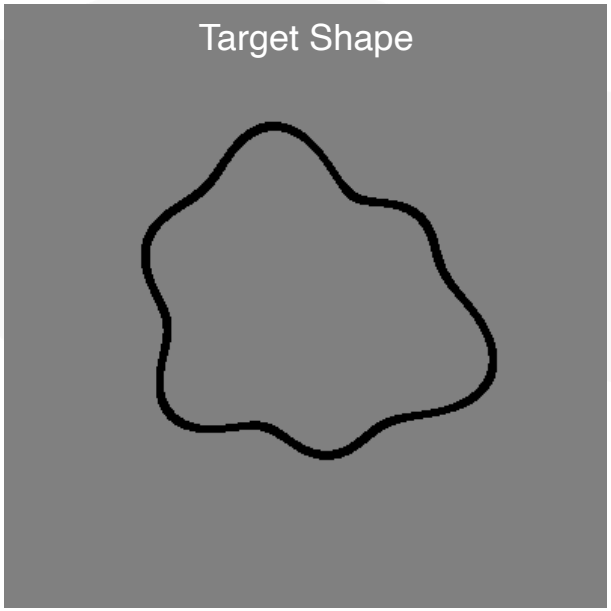

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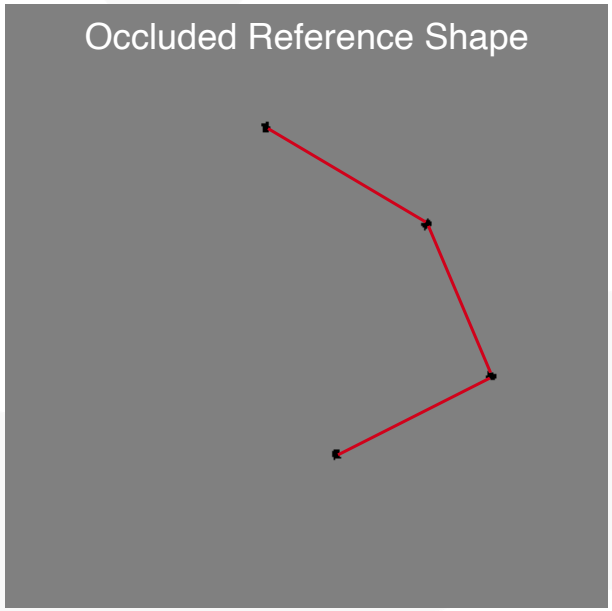

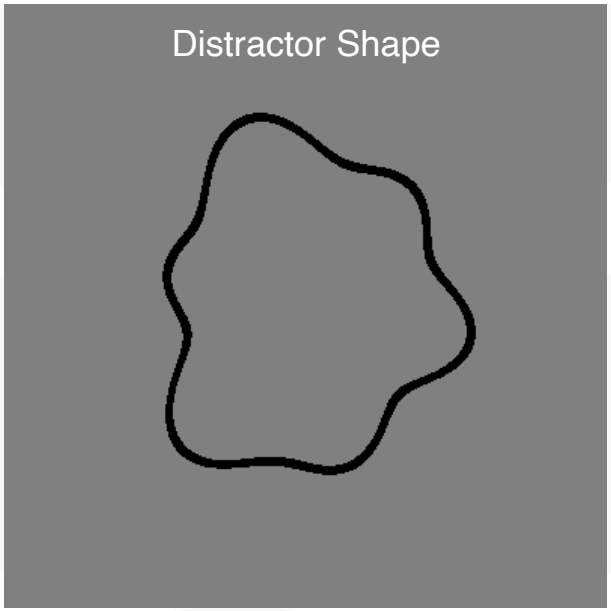

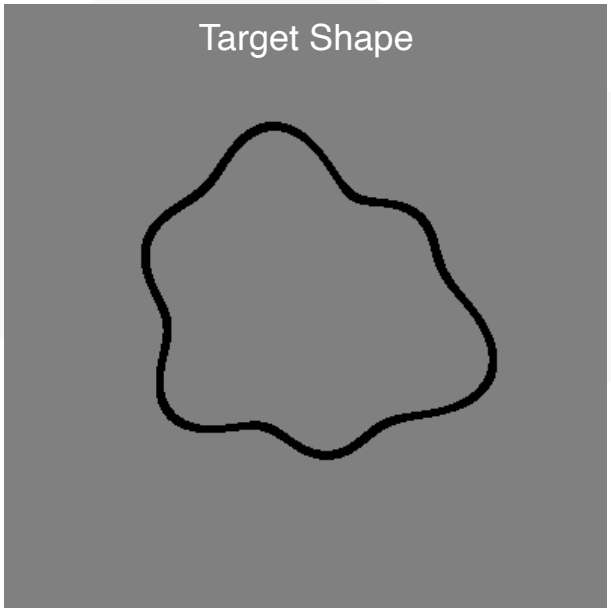

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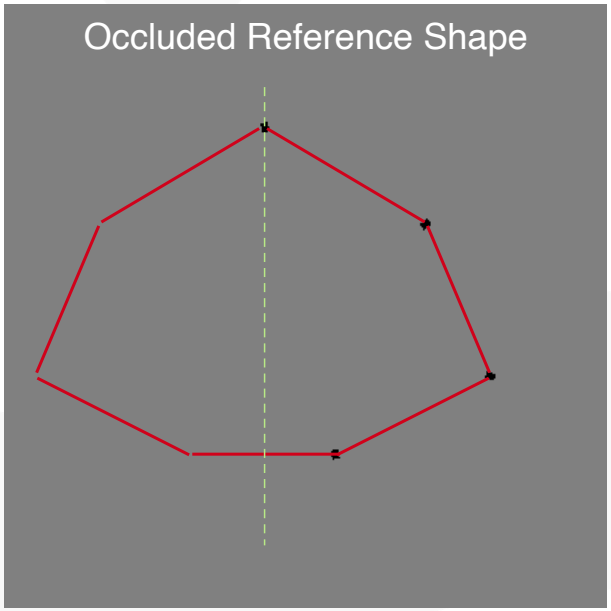

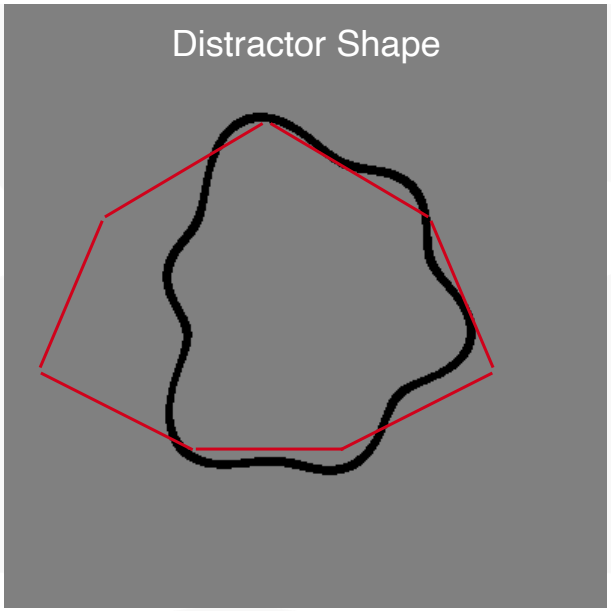

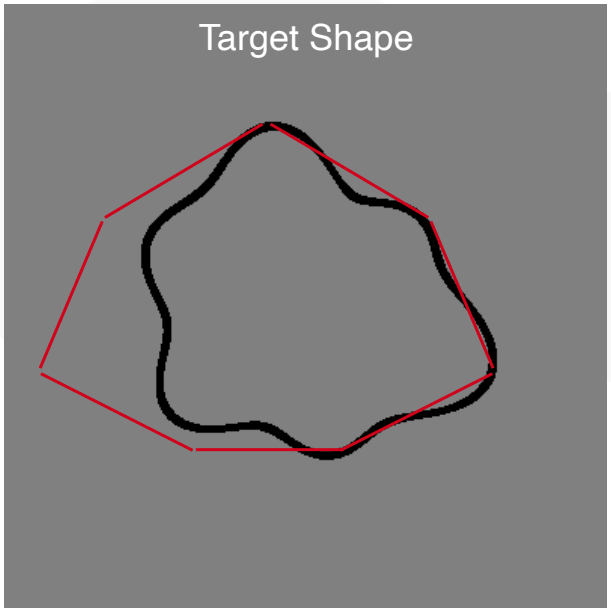

Summary

- Performance for convex features is superior to the other shape features and independent of segment length, replicating Schmidtmann et al. (2015)
- Points at the location of convex curvature maxima are sufficient to extract shape information
- Performance is only significantly impaired when 50% of the shape is occluded
- Results demonstrate the importance of convexities maxima for shape encoding, and the flexibility of the visual system to deal with partially occluded shapes

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